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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: LENZ et al.

Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P144/P0665

Application No.: 09/634,806

Examiner: ALEJANDRO MULERO, L.

Filed: August 8, 2000

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Title: DEFORMATION REDUCTION AT THE
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	19	MINUS	20	0	x 9 =	x 18 = \$-0-
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3	0	x 42 =	x 84 = \$-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
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- Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (LAM1P144).
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims 1, 9, 12, 22, 23, and 28 and cancel claims 13, 20-21, and 27 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a vacuum chamber wall defining a main cavity and an opening;

an exhaust port in fluid connection with the main cavity for establishing a vacuum in the main cavity;